



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 2026 | 10:00 AM

20th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Lessons in Leadership

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

Special Musicians: Maria Cirillo-Lein, Linnea Geno, Elijah Keay, Marcus Lovallo, Sarah Lubrano, Gregg Rhodes, Tom Stukane

GATHERING SONG "Draw the Circle Wide" W&S 3154-see insert
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

*OPENING HYMN "Welcome" W&S 3152 -see insert

PRAYER OF CENTERING

We worship you, O God, with joyful noise—with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person. You put new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts, especially a new understanding of power: Power shaped by love and righteousness, justice and mercy. We gather today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the empowering gift of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 4:8-11 NT p.235

SERMON "Serve Joyfully"

ANTHEM "I Will Call Upon The Lord" TFWS 2002

OFFERING "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful" TFWS 2195++
*DOXOLOGY "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Joyful Giver of every good gift, you call us to serve with glad hearts, to offer what we have with joy, and to love one another deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Receive these gifts as acts of praise. Use them to build up the body, to speak your truth with grace, and to serve others with strength not our own. We offer them joyfully in the name of the one who serves with us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN "Together We Serve" TFWS 2175

*BENEDICTION
For all that has been...*Thanks!*
For all that will be...*Yes!*

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

* CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE CONGREGATION RESPONSE IN **BOLD Italic**
Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

GREETER | Maria Cirillo-Lein **LITURGIST** | Janette Hendrick
COFFEE HOUR | Maria Cirillo-Lein

PRAYER LIST: Family of Joan Rethorst, Paula Russell, Nancy McCallum, Robert Everett, Barbara Urban and her sister Pat, Jean Hoff, Linda Ryder, Lorraine Gregory, Rhonda Leister, Marilyn Schultz, Jan Lucciola, Whit Trumbell, Bob Korn, Bob, Paula & Laura Hendricks, Sue Reimlinger, Adam Slate, Joel, Trudy Gelfand, Linda Kent, Betsy Gramer, Steve Swanson, Jerry Graham, Joe Allred, Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopfleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Joanne Green, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, James Bennet, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi



Sign Up for Pot Luck or to help be part of our Welcoming Team for the 200th Celebration on Sunday October 18th!

Sign Up to Help Out at the Arts Festival and/or Donate an item (Value est. \$50 or higher) to our Silent Auction. Call or email church office for more info.



IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE (NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (CHILDREN WILL BE ESCORTED TO CLASS AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

CRAFTY LADIES: Thursdays 9:30 AM

MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 8:30AM

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 11:30AM

BIBLE STUDY - Mondays 6:30PM Conf. Rm (H)

ESL Classes: Mon 9:00-11:00AM & Tues 8:00-10:00AM in Conference Room

Fridays 11AM—FRIDAY FRIENDS Bible Study @ Twin Cedars—All Welcome

- **Thursday, Oct. 15th—Faith & Fiction Book Group (Conf. Rm.)** *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi
- **Saturday, Oct. 17th—Fall Community Arts Festival & Silent Auction 12-4PM**
- **Sunday, Oct. 18th—Special 200th Anniversary Service with Bishop Moore-Koiko followed by a celebratory Pot Luck in Fellowship Hall**
- **Saturday, Oct. 24th 5PM—DINNER CHURCH—A different way to worship, come break bread with your Church family and bring a dish to share. Meet in Fellowship Hall**
- **Wednesday, October 25th—6:30 PM One Board Meeting (Conf. Rm.)**
- **Friday, Oct. 30th—9:30-11:00—Come HELP POP & BAG Popcorn for Halloween**
- **Friday, October 30th 6PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church**
- **Saturday, October 31st 3:30-6:30PM—HALLOWEEN POPCORN DISTRIBUTION**

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